COOKING WITHOUT POWER

Cooking meals without electricity or gas lines can be difficult and may be hazardous.

PREVENTING CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING

• NEVER use charcoal or gas grills indoors. Using a grill indoors can cause carbon monoxide poisoning or could start a fire and destroy your home
• Camp stoves that use gasoline or solid fuel should always be used outdoors

ALTERNATIVE HEATING METHODS

• Small electrical appliances can be used to prepare meals if you have access to an electrical generator
• Wood can be used in a fireplace if the chimney is sound. Do not use a fireplace with a broken chimney. Be sure the damper is open
• If cooking on a wood stove, be sure the stove pipe is not damaged
• If you are building a fire outdoors, move away from buildings. Never start a fire in a carport. Sparks can travel into the ceiling and start a house fire

FIRE SAFETY WHEN COOKING

• Make sure any fire is well-contained
  • Use a metal drum or stones around the fire bed
  • Use a charcoal grill to build a wood fire
  • Put out any fire when finished

IF COOKING IS NOT POSSIBLE

• If cooking is not possible, many canned foods can be eaten cold

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